

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN TOM ZOOK**, on February 9, 1999 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 312 - 2 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Tom Zook, Chairman (R)
Rep. Joe Quilici, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Steve Vick, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Beverly Barnhart (D)
Rep. Ernest Bergsagel (R)
Rep. Peggy Bergsagel (R)
Rep. Rosalie (Rosie) Buzzas (D)
Rep. John Cobb (R)
Rep. Stan Fisher (R)
Rep. Dick Haines (R)
Rep. Royal Johnson (R)
Rep. Betty Lou Kasten (R)
Rep. Matt McCann (D)
Rep. Red Menahan (D)
Rep. Ray Peck (D)
Rep. Lila Taylor (R)
Rep. Joe Tropila (D)
Rep. John Witt (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Joanne Gunderson, Committee Secretary
Taryn Purdy, Legislative Fiscal Division

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed. Minutes were recorded on a Sony BI-85 recorder and references are measured in inches rather than minutes.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 145, HB 302, HB 404, HB 413, 2/3/1999
Executive Action: HB 414, HB 422, HB 124

HEARING ON HB 404

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Bill Thomas, HD 93, presented HB 404.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 74}

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 74 - 152}

Closing by Sponsor:

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 152 - 162}

HEARING ON HB 145

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Gay Ann Masolo, HD 40, presented HB 145.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 162 - 201}

Proponents' Testimony:

Erik Burke, Governor's Office

EXHIBIT (aph32a01)

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 201 EXHIBIT (aph32a02)

EXHIBIT (aph32a03)

Madalyn Quinlan, Office of Public Instruction

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 354 - 363; Comments :

This witness did not sign the visitors register.}

Eric Feaver, Montana Education Association (MEA), Montana
Federation of Teachers (MFT)

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 363 - 369}

Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association (MSBA)

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 369 - 379}

Don Waldron, Montana Rural School Boards Association (MREA)

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 379 - 388}

Loren Frazier, School Administrators

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 388 - 393}

Bob Vogel, MSBA

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 393 - 409}

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 409 - Side : B;
Approx. Time Counter : 082}

Closing by Sponsor:

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 82 - 110}

HEARING ON HB 413

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Gary Beck, HD 56, presented HB 413.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 110 - 179}

Proponents' Testimony:

Sen. Tom Beck, SD 28

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 179 - 241}

Tom Cotton, Superintendent Deer Lodge Elementary District

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 241 - 311}

Mike Doyle, Superintendent Powell County High School ~~EXHIBIT~~ (aph32a04)

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 311 - 394}

Larry Noonan, Director, AWARE, Inc.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 394 - Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 007}

Don Waldron, MREA

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 7 - 15}

Archie Neil, Great Divide Education Service

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 15 - 34}

Colleen Graham, Attorney, MSBA

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 34 - 41; Comments :
This witness did not sign the visitor register.}

Robert Runkel, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 41 - 55}

Jules Wolen, Power County Superintendent of Schools

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 55 - 60}

Philip Maxwell, Powell County School Board

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 60 - 73}

Loren Frazier, MSBA

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 73 - 86; Comments :
This witness did not sign the visitors register.}

Eric Feaver, MEA, MFT

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 86 - 89}

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 89 - Side : B;
Approx. Time Counter : 388}

Closing by Sponsor:

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 388 - Tape : 3; Side
: A; Approx. Time Counter : 000} EXHIBIT(aph32a05)
EXHIBIT(aph32a06)
EXHIBIT(aph32a07)
EXHIBIT(aph32a08)

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 414

Motion: REP. JOHNSON moved that HB 414 DO PASS.

Discussion: EXHIBIT(aph32a09)

Vote: Motion carried 13-3 with P. Bergsagel, Kasten, and Witt
voting no.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 65; Comments :
Kasten, Taylor, Cobb were voted by proxy, Menahan, Fisher absent
for vote.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 422

Motion/Vote: REP. VICK moved that HB 422 BE TABLED. Motion
carried unanimously.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 65 - 85; Comments :
Reps. Menahan and Cobb returned to committee.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 124

Motion: REP. HAINES moved that HB 124 DO PASS.

Discussion:

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 85 - 126}

Substitute Motion: REP. MCCANN made a substitute motion that HB 124 BE TABLED.

Discussion:

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 126 - 481; Comments : Rep. McCann withdrew table motion.}

Motion/Vote: REP. JOHNSON moved that HB 124 BE TABLED. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:00 P.M.

REP. TOM ZOOK, Chairman

JOANNE GUNDERSON, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (aph32aad)